

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR SCS/STS AND MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the priorities of the Government is to give greater importance to social sector expenditure and promote development with social justice for SCs/STs and minorities;
- (b) if so, whether the Tenth Plan specified monitorable targets for development in health, education and gender equality;
- (c) if so, whether the targets fixed have been achieved in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by Government to achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) provides for full equality of opportunity particularly in education and employment for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Religious Minorities.
- (b) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.